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SUBJECT:GOK REQUEST FOR ARMOND LEMKE

REF: (A) STATE 207513; (B) STATE 277326; (C) KUWAIT 5509

1. EPA APPRECIATES EMBASSY FOLLOW UP WITH DR. B. L. OOSTDAM, KUWAIT INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (KISR). ALSO PLEASED THAT OOSTDAM IS CONFIDENT KISR WILL ACCEPT HIS RECOMMENDATION ON LEMKE REIMBURSEMENT TERMS. RESPONSE TO OOSTDAM QUESTIONS PRESENTED IN REFTEL (C) ARE:

(A) PER DIEM COSTS - USG PER DIEM RATE IS \$110;00 PER DAY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1976. LEMKE 90-DAY TDY TOTALS \$4,950. THIS TOTAL IS CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF 50 PER CENT REDUCTION IN THE 90 DAY COST SINCE KUWAIT IS PROVIDING LOCAL HOUSING.

(B) INDIRECT EXPENSES - EPA WILLING TO WAIVE THESE COSTS
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ONLY IN THIS INITIAL ASSIGNMENT OF AN EPA EMPLOYEE (LEMKE).

EPA UNDERSTANDS THAT OTHER U.S. AGENCIES CHARGE FROM 20 TO 40 PER CENT FOR OVERHEAD COSTS PARTICULARLY FOR LONG TERM ASSIGNMENTS. EPA IS THEREFORE, RETAINING THE OPTION TO RECONSIDER THIS WAIVER IN THE FUTURE FOR EPA EMPLOYEES, GOODS AND SERVICES AND FOR ASSIGNMENT OF NON-EPA EXPERTS.

EPA IS INCLUDING AN ITEM ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$4,000 TO COVER A VISIT BY EPA TO CONFER WITH KISR AND GOK OFFICIALS ON THE OVERALL ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THIS INITIAL TDY ASSIGNMENT, INCLUDING THE WAIVER OF OVERHEAD COSTS.

(C) PAYMENT SCHEDULE - EPA APPRECIATES OOSTDAM CONCERN FOR KISR CONTROL OVER QUALITY OF WORK PROVIDED BY LEMKE. HOWEVER, EPA REQUESTS ADVANCE LUMP SUM PAYMENT RATHER THAN PAYMENT ON MONTHLY BASIS. EPA HAS WAIVED ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT COSTS AND FEELS THAT LUMP SUM PAYMENT FOR THIS SHORT TERM PROJECT WOULD REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FISCAL COSTS THAT THE AGENCY IS WILLING TO PROVIDE FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT.

EPA PLEASED THAT OOSTDAM WILL FINALIZE ALL ADMINISTRATIVE LOGISTIC AND HOUSING, ETC. MATTERS PRIOR TO LEMKE'S ARRIVAL. LEMKE HAS ADVISED THAT THE LATEST POSSIBLE DATE THAT HE CAN BEGIN WORK IN KUWAIT IS FEBRUARY 1, 1977 DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS. GOK DECISION REQUIRED BY DECEMBER 20 IN ORDER TO ASSURE LEMKE AVAILABILITY.

EPA DOES NOT HAVE LONG TERM AGREEMENT WITH KUWAIT PREPARED SIMILAR TO THE ONE WITH IRAN BUT IS WILLING TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL SERVICES IF GOK EXPRESSES INTEREST. COPY OF IRAN AGREEMENT BEING SENT TO EMBASSY FOR INFO.

2. COST ESTIMATES FOR LEMKE TDY THREE-MONTH ASSIGNMENT FOLLOWS:

A. DIRECT PROJECT COST:

1. SALARY (THREE MONTHS)	\$6,000
2. PERSONAL BENEFITS	

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(USG CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIREMENT, LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE, AND LEAVE -- 18)	1,000
3. POST DIFFERENTIAL (15) OF 1. & 2.	1.050
4. PER DIEM	
(\$110 PER DAY, LESS 50 KUWAIT PROVIDING LOCAL HOUSING - 90 DAYS AT \$55	4,950

5. AIR FARE

(DULUTH, MINNESOTA TO KUWAIT,
KUWAIT, INCLUDING WIFE) 3,500

6. EXCESS BAGGAGE

(UP TO 100 POUNDS PER PERSON) 300

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7. SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(MEDICAL) 2,500

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW 4,000

TOTAL \$23,300

3. EPA APPRECIATES EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. IN VIEW OF TIME
CONSTRAINTS REQUEST EMBASSY RESPONSE ASA,. ROBINSON

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